

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Toub US '450 and Cohen US '898. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features of cancelled claims 3 and 4, and applicants traverse this rejection because the cited references, alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest a data manipulation system that first looks to a first computer system for requested data, and only goes to a related database if needed, as in the present invention.

In the present invention, a user accesses a first computer system, which retrieves records from a database in a second computer system. The retrieved records are stored in the first computer system, so that if those records are requested again, it is not necessary to retrieve the records from the second computer system. The database is updated at a later time.

Toub discloses a server system that converts Java applets into HTML for transmission to the user. There is no log in Toub, as the examiner recognizes.

The examiner cites Cohen because it discloses a log, but Cohen also does not access a second server through a first server to retrieve data, but then only retrieve the data from the first server if it is requested again, updating the second server at a later predetermined time, as in the present invention. Thus, even combined, the cited references would not disclose this feature of the present invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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